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1. The organization of the railroads in Poland is similar to that in the DDR.

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2. The railroad yard Wosowska (Vossvalde - Q 51/T 11) employs 200 persons (locomotive engineers, firemen, auxiliary personnel) at the present time. There are sufficient Polish engineers now, although after 1945, Germans were employed and were granted Polish citizenship in a short time. Because of the sufficient personnel, the older German railroad workers' requests for emigration are approved now.
3. The materiel situation is poor. In 1950 there was a boiler explosion which was caused by too thin boiler walls. There is particularly a shortage of springs and bearings.
4. The railroad tracks are in poor condition. The fuel is a mixture of hard coal and hard coal dust.
5. Wages received by some locomotive engineers vary between 700 and 800 zlotys a month depending on the distance traveled. The following is a list of some items obtainable at the Polish cooperative stores (Spoldzielnia) and their prices:

1 kilogram butter	70 zlotys
1 kilogram bacon	70 zlotys
1 pair of shoes	300 - 400 zlotys
1 kilogram meat	20 - 25 zlotys
1 egg	1.55 zlotys
1 four-pound loaf of bread	3.50 zlotys
1 suit	about 2,000 zlotys

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